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CLAIMS:

1.   A graphical user interface for navigating through content comprising

— a history panel wherein navigation history data is displayed, and

— at least a first panel displaying a first menu of a content structure, the first menu

comprising one or more selectable items.

2.   A graphical user interface according to claim 1, further comprising at least a
second panel for displaying a first sub-menu of a currently highlighted item of the first menu.

3.   A graphical user interface according to claims 1 or 2, wherein navigation
history data is updated with a reference to the menu displayed in the first panel upon
selection of an item of the menu.

4.   A graphical user interface according to claims 2 or 3, wherein the first menu in
the first panel is replaced with the sub-menu of the second panel upon selection of an item in
the first panel.

5.   A graphical user interface according to claim 4, wherein the sub-menu in the
second panel is replaced with a sub-menu of a currently highlighted item of the first sub-
menu.

6.   A graphical user interface according to any of the preceding claims, wherein
the navigation history data comprises a reference to previously selected menu(s).

7.   A graphical user interface according to any of the preceding claims, wherein
the navigation history data is displayed as pictograms.

8.   A graphical user interface according to any of the preceding claims, wherein
one or more layered panels show the navigation history.

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9.   A graphical user interface according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the content structure comprises a main menu starting point.

10.   A graphical user interface according to claim 9, wherein the navigation history data comprises navigation history data starting from the main menu starting point.

11.   A graphical user interface according to claims 9 or 10, wherein the navigation history data comprises navigation history for a number of selections.

12.   A computer program product enabling a programmable device when executing said computer program product to function as a graphical user interface as defined in any one of the claims 1-11.

13.   A computer system comprising data in a content structure, the system further comprising a graphical user interface for providing menu-based navigation through the data according to any of claims 1-11.

14.   A method of navigating through content, the method comprising displaying elements representing navigation history data in a navigation history panel and displaying at least a first menu of a content structure in at least a first panel, the first menu comprising one or more selectable items.

15.   A method according to claim 14, wherein the elements representing navigation history data are active elements.

16.   A method according to claim 15, wherein the selection of an active element causes the navigation to revert to the selected data in the navigation history data.

17.   A computer program product enabling a programmable device when executing said computer program product to function as a method as defined in any one of the claims 14-16.

18.   A computer system operable to provide navigation through ordered content, the computer system comprising

displaying means for displaying elements representing navigation history data in a navigation history panel and at least a first menu of a structure in at least a first panel, the first menu comprising one or more selectable items.

5   19.   A computer program operable to provide navigation through content, the computer program comprising elements for displaying elements representing navigation history data in a navigation history panel and for displaying at least a first menu of a content structure in at least a first panel, the first menu comprising one or more selectable items.